

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **1509**-24

Honolulu, Hawaii
MAR 28 , 2024

RE: H.C.R. No. 157

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred
H.C.R. No. 157 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES AND THE
STATE TO RECOGNIZE AND ADDRESS THE AIR TRANSPORTATION CRISIS
ON MOLOKAI AND LĀNA`I,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the United States and
the State to recognize and address the air transportation crisis
on Molokai and Lana'i.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from AlohaCare and one individual.

Your Committee finds that prior to the COVID-19 pandemic,
Molokai and Lana'i were serviced by three airlines. However,
following the COVID-19 pandemic, two of the airlines ceased
operations, leaving only a single airline providing commercial
flights for Molokai and Lana'i residents. As a result, residents
of Molokai and Lana'i face unique challenges in accessing
nonemergency but critical medical care and are often forced to
cancel or miss appointments due to frequent and unexpected flight
reassignments and cancellations. Your Committee further finds
that federal regulations complicate and restrict the actions the
State may take on its own to address this issue. Your Committee
believes that this measure demonstrates the State's desire to work

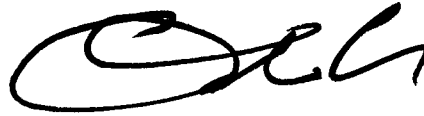
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with the federal government to provide safe, reliable air transportation for the residents of Molokai and Lana'i.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 157 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation,



CHRIS TODD, Chair



